

48A C.J.S. Judges § 100

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Judges

Joseph Bassano, J.D.; Khara Singer-Mack, J.D.; Thomas Muskus, J.D.; Karl Oakes, J.D. and Jeffrey J. Shampo, J.D.

IV. Standards of Conduct; Restrictions and Prohibitions


B. Nature of Conduct Proscribed or Prohibited

2. Political Activity

§ 100. Endorsing other candidates for office

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A judge may be prohibited from publicly indorsing a candidate for public office.¹ Among prohibited activities include signing political advertisements,² arranging and attending political gatherings for a political candidate,³ and allowing a candidate for public office to place a sign in support of the candidate outside a judge's home.⁴

CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Cases:

Judge violated Judicial Conduct Rule providing that a judge shall not solicit funds for, pay an assessment to, or make a contribution to a political organization, or to or on behalf of any partisan or independent office-holder or candidate for public office, where judge's social media page contained endorsements from two partisan candidates and a political organization, and judge contributed to a partisan candidate. Mont. Code of Jud. Conduct, Rule 4.1(A)(4). [Halverson v. Harada, 2020 MT 89, 461 P.3d 869 \(Mont. 2020\)](#).

[END OF SUPPLEMENT]

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Footnotes

- 1 Iowa—[In re Inquiry Concerning McCormick, 639 N.W.2d 12 \(Iowa 2002\)](#).
Mass.—[In re Troy, 364 Mass. 15, 306 N.E.2d 203 \(1973\)](#).
- 2 Pa.—[Linsenmeyer v. Straits, 402 Pa. 7, 166 A.2d 18 \(1960\)](#).
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